

A PERSONAL MESSAGE: Thank you for all the kind letters of encouragement. They really helped. May I wish all my friends a very merry Christmas and good health and happiness for 1974...When I mention an address in Hello Again, it appears once even though the name may appear again...Big find of the month is LINIT BATH CLUB REVUE with Fred Allen 1932 and 1933 (Alan Betz): Details later...Although postage rates are going up I will try not to increase my subscription rate for a while.

DEATHS: Robert Ellis, Nov 24th; 40. He appeared in THE ALDRICH FAMILY, BUSTER BROWN, and MA PERKINS.

PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES: Bob Joseph had an excellent write-up in the St. Petersburg Times, Nov 4, 1973. It was full of pictures and information about the hobby...Joanne's gettogether was a success. About 40 people attending Joanne Verigin's second bash for collectors in her area. Anyone in the Escalon, Cal area who would like information about it and future meetings write her at Box 66, Escalon, Cal 95320

CATALOGS: (When you send listings let me know what highlights you want mentioned)...Paul Pitzer, 7510 SW 60th A, Portland, Ore 97219; Reel 208-268; BBC's DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE, STEPTOE AND SON, Also 2 reels of RAILROAD HOURS and 3 reels of DAMERON broadcast over KVI in Seattle...Dave Siegel, 351 Amherst A, Ticonderoga, NY 12883; relisting of G8s including 65 GANGBUSTERS and 6 reels of GRAND OLE OPRY...Earl McCool, 417 Wildhaven Cir, Gadsden, Ala 35901; 224 reels; wide variety...Craig Snader Jr, Apartado 12-655, Mexico 12, DF, Mexico; reels 975 1-34...Judith Helton, 2920 Paradise Rd, Modesto, Cal 95341; 81 reels...Marty Lewin, 6966D N Hamilton, Chicago, Ill 60645; Supple. 3(reels 174-227); JEAN SHEPHERD, THAT HAMMER GUY, HORATIO HORNBLLOWER, RAILROAD HOUR, CHICAGO THEATER OF THE AIR...Herb Sadowsky, 105-25 65th A, Forest Hills, NY 11375; latest supplement; 12 HENRY MORGAN 1946-47...Larry Gabriel, 225 Arballo Dr, San Fran, Cal 94132; 400 shows; ESCAPE, GUNSMOKE, FIBBER MCGEE/ Larry is interested in Gunsmoke and Escape...Also Herb Sadowsky's recorder is fixed and he is catching up on his trading...Terry Black, 112 Archer A, Springfield, Ill 62704; 3852-3968; several new shows rebroadcast on SAME TIME SAME STATION...Paul Palmer, 615 So Wanda Dr, Kingsville, Tex 78363; special BBC supplement. many shows...Gerry Ruark, 3202 Busy Bee Ln, Indianapolis, Ind 46227; 61 reels...Bill Blalock, 609 Blue St, Richland, Wa 99352; Nov. supplement; 500 reels including 150 reels of country and western; 28 reels of So African. Does reels, cassettes and cartridges; sells...Al Grossman, Box 451, Woodland Hills, Cal 91364; Reels 50-329 and 445-476;...Dr. Alfred Hirschoren, 185 Crestwood Dr, Athens, Ga 30601; 700 shows; Alan Betz, Box 33806 Station D, Vancouver9 BC Canada; first supplement; many new shows including LINIT BATH CLUB REVUE, CBS RADIO WORKSHOPS, COLUMBIA WORKSHOPS...

LOGS AND LISTINGS: PLEASE NOTE that the following logs are not available from Fred Dickey anymore but from Floyd Fitzgetald, 2804 B Hamilton A, Concord, Cal 94520: FRED ALLEN; \$1.00...SCREEN GUILD THEATER: \$1.00...THEATER GUILD ON THE AIR, HALLMARK PLAYHOUSE, SCREEN DIRECTORS PLAYHOUSE: all three \$1.00. They will be available after Jan 1, 1974.

PERSONALITIES: Raymond Edward Johnson is doing well and is still looking for a ground floor apartment or home where he can live. He is currently at the Wallingford Convalescent Home, 181 E Main St, D Wing

\$4.50 is due for another year

Room 42, Wallingford, Ct 06492. Among other things he would like some cassette recordings of Mozart's piano and violin concertos. He would like to hear from his many friends.

THE TAPE DECK: Howard Brenner and I have commented the last two months that catalogs should be detailed and that all programs listed should be listened to first. Here are some comments:

CRAIGE SNADER JR: "Those who put out catalogs should listen to the shows first. All programs should be identified carefully. Ideally the shows should be listed alphabetically but this would require a new relisting each time a new reel is received." (An alternative is to issue alphabetical supplements-ed.).

Ken Piletic: "All tapes in my library are listed in my catalog. The tapes listened to have a quality code. The tapes not listened to do not. It is my practice to trade for anything I don't have. When I make bulk trades I have no idea what I will be getting, except that it will be something not listed in my catalog. I agree that it would be nice to know the dates, sponsors, networks, story line, etc. before ordering a program, but in most instances this information is not available. I feel that the program name, episode name and date, if available, should adequately describe the program. Quality should also be indicated." (Some collectors only want shows complete with sponsor and network identification-hence the need for this information for these collectors. Ken is one of the very few who list programs by reel AND alphabetically-ed).

ALLAN ROCKFORD: "I agree that programs should be described as completely as possible. It also takes a long time to listen and compile the information. Almost all have us collect old shows as a hobby. and don't do it full time. If one is in the business to make money then he should be expected to have a listing with full descriptions. One way to get a full catalog is to copy someone else's description, without bothering to check it out. This is how errors get started and grow. While this saves time and work it does nothing for accuracy. Thank goodness for those people hard at work researching various shows for dates, stars, etc.

MARTY LEWIN: "It is generally impossible for high volume collectors to listen to every second of their shows. If people want to trade on this basis it is up to them and I think that most collectors realize that the catalogs of some of these high volume collectors are not accurate. On the positive side, some of these big collectors, such as Don Pellow, have done a great deal to help new collectors.

MAIL RATES: Rates are going up Jan 5th. First class: 10¢...Air Mail 13¢...post cards: 8¢...special 4th class rates: 18¢ for first pound (1 tape) 8¢ for each additional pound (tape). Third class rates are also going up. I will try to absorb this increase myself without increasing my subscription rates.

BLANK TAPE: Len Lawson, 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550 is now carrying a full line of Scotch brand tape as well as Capitol and Hi Fidelity tape. Hi Fidelity, 1200' is \$1.15 in lots of 12... \$1.05 in lots of 48. This includes shipping and handling. Send for price lists of other tapes. Also Len's lending library for beginning collectors is a success. Write if you want information.

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: Just a reminder that before mentioning people that subscribers complain about I try to contact them explaining the situation. If there is no response I feel it only fair to others to mention them. Very often by my writing the difficulty is cleared up....Nostalgia of Miami, Jim Harmon, Richard Casciello, Wil Dufour, Owens Pomeroy, Luther Sies, Cam Denoncour, Robert Hutchison,

James Hitt, Richard Stadler...I have recieved numerous complaints about G Perry Roberts who is offering the SPEED GIBSON SERIES plus others. I don't have his address. Plus send it to me...If anyone can shed light on any of these people please let me know.

NEW ADDRESSES: Stuart Weiss, 136-49 Jewel Ave, Flushing, NY 11367
...Mike Edwards, Florida Air Academy, 6501 W Sunrise Blvd, Plantation, Fla 33313...Chuck Kalen, 17614 Lomond Blvd, Shaker Hts, Ohio 44120...John Krogstad, 1842 Los Vegas Trail #282, Fort Worth, Tex 76108...Tom Brown, 6347 Tara Blvd #73, Jonesboro, Ga 30236...Harley Billings, 332 Marcy A #104, Oxon Hill, Md 20921...Fred Dickey, Box 1466, Sequim, Wa 98382 NOT RRI Box 1466.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; San Francisco State Univ...Tom Riley, 920 W 9th St 3, Newton, Ia 50208...Sue Cook, Box 7, Beaumont, Cal 92223...Dave Amaral, 38553 Logan Dr, Fremont, Cal 94536...Duff Campbell, 8850 Van Nuys Blvd #19, Panorama, Cal 94519...

OLD FRIENDS: David Richardson, Box 81, Eastsound, Wa 98245 has various JUNGLE JIM shows and about 30 TREASURY STAR PARADES. Dave would like to know if anyone has Norma Larson's recordings which were on in the late 40's...Marty Lewin is looking for Book 4 LORD HORNBLLOWER from the BBC and GAME WITHOUT RULES, another BBC series. Marty would like to know if anyone has insured their collection. He got a price of \$50 a year for 250 reels...Craig Snader's new catalog is now ready and he will send it to those requesting it. He has about 1500 shows. Also his publication, "Magic Sounds" will be sent free to those who request it...Lawrence Rao, 416 E 8th S, Brooklyn, NY 11218 is taping most shows being broadcast in the New York area and will make them available. Larry is looking for all the HERMITS CAVES and WITCH'S TALES he can find...Bob Vito, 1532 Ryder S, Brooklyn, NY 11234 has the discs of THE SEALED BOOK for sale at \$3.00 per disc, minimum order 10 discs. Make the check out to Charles Michelson but send to Bob...A 7-cent postage stamp was released by Australia on Nov. 21 to mark the 50th anniversary of radio in the nation. Collectors may order mint copies from the Philatelic Bureau, 374 Bourke St, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3000...Charles Michelson thanks those who requested the 50 cartons of discs they were offering. He reminds they can not be used for broadcast purposes. Charles wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Stuart Weiss, 136-49 Jewel Ave, Flushing, NY 11367 is now selling vintage radio shows. He has a wide selection and charges \$3.50 per hour (reel); Shamrock tape; minimum is 2 hours. Also Cassettes; \$5.00 per hour. He pays the postage and \$1.00 will bring you his catalog...Pat Murray's third Radiologue is enclosed. Pat's address is 1756 Washtenaw Rd, Ypsilanti, Mich 48197. Several new shows are mentioned...Al Grossman, Box 451, Woodland Hills, Cal 91364 is looking for "The Three Musketeers" and "Katinka" on the RAILROAD HOUR...He soon will have HOUR OF CHARM, BARRY WOOD, LONGINES SYMPHONETTE and KORN KOBBLERS...William Carr, Box 215, Chaumont, NY 13622 now has a second recorder and wants to trade. He has 400 shows and is looking for any show that was broadcast in the year 1950, March 9th at 7:00...Dave Howe, Box 21, Birch Harbor, Me 04613 is still looking for articles, etc. on the Lone Ranger and that he has a few pictures and listings left for those who want them...Frank Lemanski, 191 Main St, So Meriden, Ct 06450 is trying to find information about Joe "Curley" Bradley who played Tom Mix on radio...

NEW PROGRAMS: In or soon to be in my collection: 3 ELECTRIC HOURS with Nelson Eddy and BELL TELEPHONE HOUR 9/24/45 (from Betty Bendig)...many new SUSPENSE including Overture in 2 Keys, Experiment 6*r, The Storm; all Autolite or Roma (from Randy Eidemiller...new SWEENEY AND

MARCH (from Roger Smith)...LINIT BATH CLUB REVUE (from Alan Betz)... also from Alan CBS Radio Workshop-Malaheini Magic...IN OTHER COLLECTIONS ...4 LONE RANGER from the 40's when Brace Beamer first started (Dom Patrissi, 93 Augusta Dr, Newington, Ct 06111)...Bob Vito has a 7 minute segment of ABBIES IRISH ROSE. If anyone is interested send small tape plus postage...Rick Krepeka, Box 1107, Frederick, Md 21701 has various segments of several programs cut on a home recorder...From Dave Howe comes this: "I finally got Fred Flowerday to answer one of my letters. The Lone Ranger nuts will be happy to know that there are at least 1000 shows saved on disc. Flowerday says 'On disc, as recorded by NBC, there are approximately 1000 programs warehoused by the Wrather Corp of Cal. There are considerably more on tape, recorded after 1945.'" Dave would like Wrather's address...Dave would also like to hear from collectors of old rock and roll. He has between 5 to 8 thousand songs.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WINF; 12:30 AM will carry CBS Radio Mystery Theater starting Jan 6. WINF is in Manchester, Ct. Is a station in your state carrying it?...WNHC-AM; 1340; Zero Hour, 12-12:30, 5t a week. WNHC is in New Haven, Ct...WIOD, Miami, Lone Ranger and Great Gildersleeve; 6:30-7:30...WWNY, Watertown, NY; Lone Ranger, M, W, Fr at 7:30...WOUR-FM; 96.9; Utica, NY Mon at 9:00PM; National Lampoon Hour...WNBH-AM, Binghamton, NY 1290; Mon-Sat, 7:00; various shows...CBM-AM, Montreal, Can 940; Shadow; Mon, 5:00...Also on Fri at 7:30 different program every week.

TWO RADIO PIONEERS: contributed by Ray Nemec...Talking to a person who did a daily radio program back in 1921 has to be a thrill for anyone interested in oldtime radio. Well, a couple of days ago I talked to two such people and, of all places, in a city of about 4000 population...The city was Tuscola, Ill and the early radio broadcasters were Raymond Muir, 73, and Curt Marsh, 67. Both are natives of the Tuscola area; both were employees of the James L Bush grain brokerage in 1921. ...Mr. Bush started broadcasting grain markets from an amateur station known as 9JR. March 17, 1921 has been recognized as the official start of the broadcasts which were done 6 days a week. Later that year 9JR became WDZ, Illinois' oldest radio station...James Bush, Raymond Muir and Emory Stalker took turns doing the market reports every 30 minutes in those first few weeks. In June 1921 when school was out, Curtis Marsh joined the company. It was to be Raymond Muir and Curtis Marsh doing the reports daily for over 20 years. Mr. Marsh left during World War II to work at Indianapolis. Mr. Muir continued to broadcast the markets daily until October 1945 when WDZ, under new management, dropped the half-hour reports from the Bush office...Although both men spent most of their broadcasting doing the grain quotations, they did broadcast other programs. Mr. Muir remembers when he did the play-by-play on bridge games...In 1932 and 1933 WDZ had an act known simply as the WDZ Trio. It consisted of Smiley Burnette, Denver Darling and Earl Parker. When one was missing or they wanted a quartet, Curt Marsh was added...When WDZ moved to Decatur in 1949, Curt Marsh did a daily program from Tuscola for about 7 years. He finally left the air in 1956...Raymond Muir still works at the James L Bush offices in Tuscola, James Bush, the founder of WDZ, which for many years called itself "The Third Oldest Station in the Nation" died December 1956...Smiley Burnette is probably the most famous alumnus of WDZ but many old fans of the Grand Ole Opry will remember Lazy Jim Day and the Singing News. He started the singing news on WDZ in 1936 and the station continued to broadcast the Singing News every day for ten years...Mr. Muir and Mr. Marsh worked with many famous WDZ personalities in an era when almost all of WDZ programs were live. They can recall the difficulties with equipment. The early transmitters were built by their engineers, first by Clyde Wiley and later by Mark Spies...The whole story of WDZ

would take many pages but Raymond Muir and Curtis Marsh were broadcasting markets before any other station did. WDZ was the first station to broadcast markets in the world.....and we would like to recognize them as two of radio's real pioneers.

Ray Nemec, 1631 Carol St, Downers Grove, Ill 60515

LATE NEWS AND TIDBITS: Randy Eidemiller has following dates for ESCAPE: Shipment of Mute Fate with J L nd; 3/13/49...Country of the Blind with E O'Brien; 3/20/49...Diamond as Big as the Ritz with ? 3/27/49. These three were done on Sunday while the regular series was on Saturday...Just received from Pat Murray: CBS RADIO WORKSHOP, Grief Drives a Black Sedan; INNER SANCTUM, Last Story and Corridor of Doom and 3 SUSPENSE airchecked in Japan including A Load of Dynamite and Report on the X-915....Received from Fred McFadden: ARCH OBOLERS PLAYS: This Precious Freedom; and Crazy Town; also QUIET PLEASE: 3 short stories; Monster Cat, Telltale Heart and Red Death: also MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER: It's Only Money...Catalog from Dave Siegel: Relisting of C E Morse shows, CBS RADIO WROKSHOP(70), RAILROAD HOUR (120), SCREEN GUILD THEATER (90). A lso relistings of programs beginning with J, K, P, V...WGPL-FM, Winsten-Salem; 6:30pm; LUM AND ABNER...Carl Erickson, effective Jan 14th will be living at 39 School Rd, Staten Island, NY 10305...Chuck Huck Jr, 43230 River Rd, Warrenville, Ill 60555 will trade radio shows on cassette or reel for early TV shows on 16mm sound film...David Arvidson, 221 Winter St, Norwood, Ma 02062 ...Just found one of my recorders running slow and one running fast... Might take a while to get them fixed..

Have a very merry Christmas and may 1974 bring all of you good health and happiness.

Jay

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